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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 20/January, through Sunday, 27/January there were 240 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3C, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE0A, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HM, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH4, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T32, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TN, TR, TT, TU, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP8/o, VP8/s, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3C5, EQUATORIAL GUINEA. Mirek, SP1NY, showed up this past weekend as **3C5/SP1NY** from **Bioco Island (AF-010)**. The length of his activity is currently unknown. However, he was active mainly on CW, on 30/12/10 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

5R, MADAGASCAR. Bruno, F5DKO, will be active **March 4-16th** from some Madagascar islands. He expects to be active during the first week of his trip from Madagascar's **Coastal Islands West Group (AF-057)**, and the second week from Madagascar's **Coastal Islands East Group (AF-090)**. QSL via IZ8CCW: Antonio Cannataro, P.o.Box:360, 87100 Cosenza, Italy.

A LETTER FROM MONK APOLLO, SV2ASP/A. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive an additional bulletin containing a letter from **SV2ASP/A** explaining his view on the "SY"

prefix situation.

ANTARCTIC NEW ZEALAND DX TRIP. Chris Post, N3SIG, informs OPDX that the first ever Antarctic New Zealand DX Trip will take place **next weekend on February 2nd**. The McMurdo Station Amateur Radio Club will sponsor this first ever event. The primary operators will be Chris Post, N3SIG, and Mike Poole, KE6ZYK. They will operate portable HF from the **Ross Ice Shelf** in front of Scott Base. Operating primarily on 20/17/15 meters; with the possibility of 40 and 80 meters as well. Start to look for them on 20 meters at or about 14243 kHz starting at 0500z Saturday the 2nd of February or 2:00 AM Eastern US Time. Times may change to be earlier. Their equipment will be an Icom 706MkII with IC2KL amp at about 500W. Antennas will be all wire antennas. QSL cards go to AI3D with SASE please. Chris states that this should be very popular with the big DXers as the Antarctic New Zealand ham radio callsigns are very rare and Scott Base has no hams or any type of a ham shack like they do at McMurdo. A special QSL card will be printed when Chris returns. For more info on the Scott Base Antarctica check out their Web page at: <http://www.scott.aq>

CE9/LZ0, SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS.....

- Ricardo, **CE9R** has been active from **Julio Escudero Base** on **King George Island**. Look for him to be on a net around 1700z on 21275 kHz. QSL via CE3HDI: P.O.Box 15, International Airport, Santiago, Chile.
- **LZ0A** has been pleasing many on 80/40/30/20/15 meters. Some activity has been on CW and SSB. Watch around 3793 kHz between 0130 and 0530z. He also showed up on a net on 21275 kHz around 1815z. QSL via LZ1KDP.

CO, CUBA (6 meters). Doug, **CO8DM**, informs OPDX that he has been working many Europeans and stateside stations on **6 meters**, and thanks everybody for the QSO. He is running 100 watts and a wire dipole. Activity seems to be around 50125 kHz after 2130z. His QSL Manager is KU9C.

EP, IRAN. There has been a lot of activity from **EP3PTT** lately. That is because Stig, LA7JO, has been given permission to operate and is the first foreigner to obtain an official operating license since 1979. He is allowed to use the club station of the PTT (using the callsign EP3PTT) and has been active on 40/20/15/12/10 meters. QSL via LA7JO. ADDED NOTE: It has been mentioned that you can QSL Stig direct to the address: UNICEF Iran, Stig Lindblom, No. 30 East Farzan St., Naji St., Dastgerdi Ave., Tehran 19187, Islamic Republic of Iran. However, please avoid writing any callsign on the envelope and DO NOT send IRCs.

FS, SAINT MARTIN. George/W4LW and Fredrick/K4FMD will be active **February 2-8th** from the French side of the island of **St. Martin** using the callsign **FS/K4UP**. Their plans are to be active mainly on SSB on 10, 15, 20 and possibly some 80 meter frequencies. They will try to be on 28495, 21295, 14195, 14260 and 3795 kHz. Most of their time on the air will be after dinner or around breakfast time and possibly other air time as much as possible. (They mention that their wives are with them and they have to devote some time to vacation.) They are taking a Yaesu 900, G5RV, and a Carolina Windom 20 and a laptop. QSL via K4UP.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **SA-070.** This past weekend, some members of Southern Cross DX Group, plus a couple of guest ops were active from **Santa Maria Island** for the first time using special Chilean call **XR5SM**. However, if you missed them this past weekend they will repeat the operation again in **February** (no dates provided). Their main activity will be on HF bands, both CW and SSB. It takes a two hour sailing trip through the Arauco Gulf to reach the island. QSL route for this past weekend's operation is via Fernando, XQ5SM: Bureau or direct is OK. There is an informative Web page with details at: <http://www.qsl.net/xr5sm/>

J7, DOMINICA. Look for Lars, SM0CCM, to be active this weekend as **J73CCM** between **February 2nd through March 4**. His activity will be mainly on CW (with some PSK31) with 100 watts and vertical. QSL via SM0CCM.

KH2, GUAM. Hide, JH8KYU, plans to be active from here as **K8YU/KH2** from **February 8-11th**. The main purpose of his stay is to take part in the **CQ/RJ WPX RTTY Contest**. His entry will be Single Operator/All Band and the frequencies used will be on all HF bands. He states that he may also operate on CW and SSB in spite of his short stay because Single Ops are limited to operate within 30 hours only in this contest. QSL via JH8KYU, either direct to his mailing address in Tokyo or through the JARL bureau. Don't send any cards to the K8YU's callbook address or bureaus of W8 or KH2.

KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS. Nobuyuki "Nob", JM1LRQ, will be active as **KH0/JM1LRQ** from **Saipan Island (OC-086), February 14-18th**. Activity will be on 160-6 meters CW/SSB. He will also participate in the **ARRL International DX CW Contest** as Single Operator/All Band entry. Nob will concentrate on SSB and the WARC bands outside of the contest. QSL via the bureau or direct as follows: Nobuyuki Arai, 5-6-1-1002 Kitayamata, Tsuzuki, Yokohama, 224-0021, Japan.

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY AND NEWS.....

- A special event operation will take place from **Sturgeon Point Lighthouse (USA-823)** on **August 17-19th**, with the combined cooperation of Gary, K8IKW, and the Alcona County Amateur Radio Club. Gary has secured the special event callsign K8S for this event weekend during the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend. There will also be a joint event with the Alcona County (Michigan) Historical Society for their local heritage festival, and many people are expected to attend these events. The local radio club, and Gary are discussing the use of an old time antique wireless radio from the lighthouse, vintage 1930's and 1940's. A high volume of HF operations are expected during this event weekend. Further details will follow later in the spring and early summer of this year as details become more final.
- The Metro Amateur Radio Club (MAC) of Chicago will activate **Chicago Harbor Lighthouse**, Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society USA #171, on **February 9-10th**. The special event station **K9Y** will be operated from **Columbia Yacht Club**, according to Mike Dinelli, N9BOR. A special QSL will be available. The usual ARLHS frequencies will be used: SSB on 7270, 14270, 21370, 28370; and CW on 7030, 14030, 21030 and 28030 kHz. For more information, please visit the MAC website at: <http://www.qsl.net/mac/> Watch them via the WebCam while operating from the pilot house of the Abby. Questions may be directed to: mac@qsl.net

P5, NORTH KOREA. Ed, **P5/4L4LN**, is back on the air testing out his new Butternut Vertical. Reports indicate that Ed is being heard better, and he has begun operating on 15 meters. Look for him to show up on 21225 kHz (now his primary frequency) after 2300z, working stations by call areas and other parts of the world. Also, continue to watch 28580 kHz; he may show up here.

PIRATE ALERT. Oscar, HK6DOS, QSL Manager for Abel, **CO6XN**, informs OPDX that a PIRATE station using Abel's callsign was active on 21020.9 kHz, January 16th. Any cards sent to Oscar for activity on this date will be sent back.

PJ2, NETHERLAND ANTILLES. Larry/K6RO and Ron/W6UL will be on **Curacao**, **February 27th through March 5th**, for the **ARRL SSB contest**. Larry will be a Single Op/All Band/High Power entry using the call **PJ2K**. Ron will be using the callsign **PJ2/W6UL** before and after the contest. They will be using CW and SSB before and after the contest concentrating on the WARC bands and 160m. They will be operating from the CCC "Signal Point" station. QSL via KU9C.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Jose, CT1EEB, reports that the backlog of **4W/CU3FT** cards is now clear, and he is replying to both 4W/CU3FT and **4W6EB** (also **CU3/CT1EEB**) QSLs on a daily basis. Over the past couple of weeks, he has sent some 112 envelopes for 4W/CU3FT via airmail and over 800 4W6EB, CU3/CT1EEB and CT1EEB QSL cards via the REP QSL bureau system [also a few 4W/CU3FT QSL cards].
- Fran, EA7FTR, reports to OPDX that he is now the QSL Manager for Jose/**YV5LIX**, Marco/**YN1ZZE** and Jan/**5X1BK** in Uganda.
- **IRC OR USD? THAT IS THE QUESTION.** The IRC discussion still continues on some of the DX reflectors about the use of IRCs and the "NEW IRC". OPDX was informed this week by David, PA0DVM, that in The Netherlands such a discussion no longer makes sense. The Dutch Post Office just informed him that from January 1, 2002 on, they stopped selling IRCs completely. So, for the amateurs in The Netherlands, the use of green stamps is the only possibility left, or they could try to collect IRCs from other countries. David added that airmail postage from Holland to outside Europe is 0.75 Euro, and that is well below one USD which is quite different from the situation in Germany. Also, Paul, G4XTA, reports/states the following to OPDX: "I've seen all the hype about the NEW IRC's and read that the USA and Australia already only issue the new type and that my stocks of old ones will be worthless soon. All the changes allegedly took place on January 1, 2002. BUT.....this just ain't true! I've called the international section of the ROYAL MAIL here in the UK. They know nothing about it. All British Post Offices are still fully stocked with 'OLD' type IRC's which they continue to sell. I've also talked to many DXers in USA and Australia, and they've never seen the new type of IRC, and say that their post offices are also still selling the 'OLD' ones." So, many DXers and QSL Manager, would have to ask what is going on? Do we dump the old IRC (cash in) or use them? Any advice would be appreciated.....
- **JW REPORT.** Andreas, LA8AJA, reports that JW8AJA worked about 3400 QSOs. JW5QFA worked about 1000 QSOs and JW4X (6M) worked 273 QSOs with 18 DXCC entities. QSLs for **JW8AJA** are via LA8AJA, **JW5QFA** and **JW4X** are via LA6EIA. QSL cards are not printed yet, please be patient. For more info, pictures, story and logsearch (JW4X), go to the Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/la8aja/>

- Andreas also adds that postage in Norway has increased. Postage for sending letters outside Europe is now 10NKR. One USD is no longer enough to cover the postage. For people outside Europe sending cards direct, please include 2 USDs or 1 IRC.
- SWL Kurt Brandstetter (OE 1002419) reports for those who are interested he has updated his "Marconi QSL's 2001" Web page with QSLs from the International Marconi Day 2001 and Marconi Memorial Stations that was active on the 12th of December 2001 (Celebrating the first radio transmission across the Atlantic on December 12, 1901). The Web page is at: <http://www.swl.net/oe1002419/>

S9, SAO TOME (Attention Top Banders). Ole, LA6EIA, will be joining the Scandinavian group which will be active from Sao Tome from **February 4-10th**. Their callsign will be **S9LA**. He states they will transmit CW on 1827.5 kHz (listening up) and SSB on 1845 kHz (listening on 1850 kHz). The antenna on the topband will be a TITANEX 160E (if they can get it up...). For more details, look at the S9LA Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/s9la/>

T4, CUBA. The Las Tunas Contest Crew, **T48K**, will be active during the next **ARRL International DX CW Contest** as a Multi-Single category. The operators will be: Josy/CO8JY, Doug/CO8DM, Geo/CO2JZ and Raul/CO8ZZ. QSL via DK1WI.

TG, GUATEMALA. Tom/W9AEB and Bob/WF9V are expected to be active this week as **TG7/W9AEB** from Central Guatemala between **January 31st and February 9th**. Activity will be on 20-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via WF9V.

V3, BELIZE. Andy, VE7AHA/VA7CW, informs OPDX that he will active as **V31HA** from **February 2-16th**, near the town of **Hopkins** on the mainland (no IOTA), and also near V31JP whom he hopes to visit. He states, "We will be there for radio, snork, fishing and beer. Not always in that order." QSL via VE7AHA.

VP8, SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND. The multi-national team of twelve experienced operators (EI6FR, EI5IQ, HB9ASZ, PA3FQA, K0IR, W3WL, K4UEE, VE3EJ, N5KO, K5TR, W7EW and 9V1YC), active as **VP8THU**, went QRT from **Southern Thule (South Sandwich Islands)** early morning **January 22nd**. As this was being written, the team was expected to be active from South Georgia Island, Sunday, January 26th. However, it has been rumoured that a bad storm is delaying their landing, and they remain on the vessel "Braveheart". The callsign and the QSL route will be announced once the operation begins. QSL VP8THU via VE3XN: Garry Hammond, 5 McLaren Avenue, Listowel, Ontario N4W 3K1 CANADA.

YA, AFGHANISTAN. There are no new updates on Peter and boys other than what we reported last week. However, a new station, **YA0USA**, was reported on the air this past week operating on 17 meters CW/SSB. Watch 18068 and 18120 kHz after 1330z. Also, watch 14210 kHz around 1700. The operator is Karl, K4YT, who is working at the **U.S. Embassy** in Kabul. He states to QSL via K4YT. A report from "The Daily DX" over the past weekend states Karl has been there "for about a week and has just obtained a club license from the Minister of Communications for the American Embassy in Kabul." Reportedly, the license, YA0USA, can be operated by Embassy U.S. government officials; there are several of them stationed there now. Karl will be here until the end of the month and will be active in his spare time. "The Daily DX" states Karl is using a TS-50 and a 80 meter dipole with a tuner.

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SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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